

extensions. Additional extensions may be granted upon written request by the purchaser.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section requiring reappraisal if the delay was not imposed by the United States or any State government under paragraph (c) of this section, the contracting officer may grant an extension of time, without reappraisal, not to exceed enough time to provide 30 days of operating time, if the delay was due to causes beyond the purchaser's control and without his fault or negligence. No additional extensions may be granted without reappraisal under the provisions of this paragraph.

(c) On a showing that the purchaser performed as the average prudent operator would be expected to perform in a like time period prior to any delaying event listed in this paragraph, the contracting officer may grant, without reappraisal, an extension of time not to exceed that necessary to provide an additional amount of operating time equal to operating time lost as a result of:

(1) Additional contract requirements incorporated in contract modifications requested by the Government;

(2) Delays necessitated by the requirements for consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act;

(3) Reviews for cultural resource values;

(4) Court injunctions obtained by parties outside the contract; or

(5) Closure of operations by State fire protection agencies due to fire danger.

(d) Upon written request of the purchaser, the State Director may extend a contract to harvest green timber to allow that purchaser to harvest as salvage from Federal lands timber that has been damaged by fire or other natural or man-made disaster. The duration of the extension shall not exceed the time necessary to meet the salvage objectives. The State Director may also waive reappraisal for such extension.

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§ 5473.4-1 Reappraisal.

(a) If an extension is granted under § 5473.4(a), reappraisal by the contracting officer of the material sold will be in accordance with this section.

(b) For a cruise sale the timber sold remaining on the contract area shall be reappraised for the purpose of computing the reappraised total purchase price. The reappraised total purchase price shall not be less than the total purchase price established by the contract or last extension. The authorized officer may require that the reappraised total purchase price shall be paid in advance as a condition of granting an extension.

(c) For a scale sale each species of timber remaining on the contract area shall be reappraised. The reappraised unit price for each species shall be effective for the remaining life of the contract: *Provided, however,* The reappraised unit price for each species shall not be less than the unit price established by the contract or previous extension.

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Subpart 5474—Contract Assignment

§ 5474.1 Conditions; general.

(a) The purchaser may not assign the contract or any interest therein without the written approval of the authorized officer. An assignment shall contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties thereto.

(b) The authorized officer will not approve any proposed assignment involving contract performance unless the assignee (1) is authorized to transact business in the State in which the timber or other vegetative resource is located; (2) submits such information as is necessary to assure the authorized officer of his ability to fulfill the contract; and (3) furnishes a performance bond as required by subpart 5451 of this chapter or obtains a commitment from the previous surety to be bound by the assignment when approved. Upon approval of an assignment by the authorized officer, the assignee shall be entitled to all the rights and subject to all

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the obligations under the contract, and the assignor shall be released from any further liability under the contract.

PART 5500—NONSALE DISPOSALS; GENERAL

Subpart 5500—Nonsale Disposals; General

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§ 5500.0-3 Authority.

(a) The Act of July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681), as amended by the Acts of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 367, 30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Act of September 25, 1962 (76 Stat. 587) authorizes the disposal of timber and other vegetative resources on public lands of the United States including lands embraced within an unpatented mining claim located after July 23, 1955, if the disposal of such resources is not otherwise expressly authorized by law including, but not limited to, the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269; 43 U.S.C. 315 through 315o-1), as amended, and the United States mining laws; is not expressly prohibited by laws of the United States; and would not be detrimental to the public interest.

(1) The Act also authorizes the United States, its permittees, and licensees to use so much of the surface of any unpatented mining claim located under the mining law of the United States after July 23, 1955, as may be necessary for access to adjacent land for the purposes of such permittees or licensees. Any authorized use of the surface of any such mining claim shall be such as not to endanger or materially interfere with prospecting, mining or processing operations or uses reasonably incident thereto.

(2) Where the lands have been withdrawn in aid of a function of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, or of a State, county, municipality, water district, or other local governmental subdivision or agency, the Secretary of the Interior may make disposals under the regulations in this subpart only with the consent of such other Federal de-

partment or agency or of such State, or local governmental unit. The Act of July 23, 1955, *supra*, provides, however, that the Secretary of Agriculture shall dispose of materials under the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended, *supra*, if such materials are on lands administered by the Secretary of Agriculture for national forest purposes or for purposes of Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act or where withdrawn for the purpose of any other function of the Department of Agriculture.

(3) The provisions of the Act of July 23, 1955, *supra*, in disposal of vegetative or mineral materials do not apply to lands in any national park, or national monument or to any Indian lands or lands set aside or held for the use or benefit of Indians including lands over which jurisdiction has been transferred to the Department of the Interior by Executive order for the use of Indians.

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§ 5500.0-5 Definitions.

Except as the context may otherwise indicate, as the terms are used in parts 5500 through 5520 of this chapter and in contracts issued thereunder:

(a) *Bureau* means the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

(b) *Director* means the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) *Authorized Officer* means an employee of the Bureau of Land Management, to whom has been delegated the authority to take action.

(d) *O. and C. Lands* means the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands and other lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management under the provisions of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874).

(e) *Public Lands* means the public domain and its surface resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

(f) *Timber* means standing trees, downed trees or logs which are capable of being measured in board feet.

(g) *Other vegetative resources* means all vegetative material which cannot be measured in units of board feet of timber.

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